

THE INVENTION CLAIMED IS:

1. A medical device for a patient comprising:
a color screen;
an indication mechanism for prompting the patient to look at said color screen;
5 an input mechanism; and
a processor connected to said color screen, said indication mechanism, and said input
mechanism, said processor causing said indication mechanism to cause said
prompting at a predetermined time, said processor causing a medication icon
to appear on said color screen at the predetermined time, said medication icon
10 showing a color image of a medication to be taken by the patient, and said
processor responsive to said input mechanism to reset the predetermined time.
2. The medical device as claimed in 1, including:
a compliance input mechanism for input of information that the patient has taken a
medication.
- 15 3. The medical device as claimed in claim 2 wherein:
said processor is responsive to said compliance input mechanism to provide a
compliance icon in response to input therefrom indicative of the patient having
taken a medication.
4. The medical device as claimed in claim 1 including:
20 an outcome input mechanism for the input of patient physical condition information.
5. The medical device as claimed in claim 4 wherein:
said processor is responsive to said outcome input mechanism to provide an outcome
icon on said color screen.
6. The medical device as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
25 said processor provides a timing icon at the predetermined time on said color screen to
indicate when a medication is to be taken.
7. The medical device as claimed in claim 6 wherein:
said timing icon displays the time.
8. The medical device as claimed in claim 6 wherein:
30 said processor causing said medication icon to appear on said color screen further
causes a medical cautionary icon to appear.
9. The medical device as claimed in claim 1 including:
a pharmacy system; and

a link to said pharmacy system for communication with said processor regarding the medication for the patient.

10. The medical device as claimed in claim 1 including:

a clinician/provider system; and

5 a link for communication with said processor regarding the physical condition of the patient.

11. The medical device as claimed in claim 1 including:

a medical system including a pharmacy system and a clinician/provider system; and

10 a linking system for communication of patient medical and physical information among said processor, said pharmacy system, and said clinician/provider system.

12. A medical device for a patient comprising:

a color screen;

15 an indication mechanism for prompting the patient to look at said color screen, said indication mechanism selectable to provide an indication selected from a group consisting of an audio, a physical, and a combination indication;

an input mechanism; and

20 a processor connected to said color screen, said indication mechanism, and said input mechanism, said processor causing said indication mechanism to cause said prompting at a predetermined time, said processor causing a medication icon to appear on said color screen at the predetermined time, said processor capable of causing a actual-size medication icon to be displayed, said medication icon showing a color image of a medication to be taken by the patient, and said processor responsive to said input mechanism to reset the
25 predetermined time.

13. The medical device as claimed in 12, including:

a compliance input mechanism for input of information that the patient has taken a medication in accordance with said medication icon.

14. The medical device as claimed in claim 13 wherein:

30 said processor is responsive to said compliance input mechanism to provide a compliance icon in response to input therefrom and to reset the predetermined time.

15. The medical device as claimed in claim 12 wherein:

an outcome input mechanism for the patient to input physical condition information, said outcome input mechanism capable of receiving a plurality of possible inputs.

16. The medical device as claimed in claim 15 wherein:

said processor is responsive to said outcome input mechanism to provide a plurality of different outcome icons on said color screen, said outcome icons including icons indicating if the patient feels better, worse, or the same.

17. The medical device as claimed in claim 12 wherein:

said processor provides a timing icon at the predetermined time on said color screen to indicate when a medication is to be taken, said timing icon including a written language display of when the medication is to be taken.

18. The medical device as claimed in claim 17 wherein:

said timing icon displays the time and a pair of icons positionable on said color screen to indicate by relative position to said medication icon the proper timing to take the medication.

19. The medical device as claimed in claim 12 wherein:

said processor causing a medication icon to appear on said color screen causes a medical cautionary icon to appear indicating no alcohol, do not drive, no dairy products, or a combination thereof.

20. The medical device as claimed in claim 12 including:

a pharmacy system; and

a link to said pharmacy system for communication with said processor for updating the medication and medication information for the patient, said link including a wireless link.

21. The medical device as claimed in claim 12 including:

a clinician/provider system; and

a link for communication with said processor regarding the physical condition of and medication instructions for the patient, said link including a wireless link.

22. The medical device as claimed in claim 12 including:

a medical system including a pharmacy system and a clinician/provider system; and

a linking system for communication of patient medical and physical information among said processor, said pharmacy system, and said clinician/provider system, said linking system including a wireless link and a telephone link.